

Agricultural Buildings

2006 International Building Code Section 202

NOTICE: It is a violation to construct or use an agricultural building for **ANY** other purpose than actual farming related activities. Agricultural buildings are **NOT** exempt from Building Codes. Constructing a building without meeting all codes is a violation even though Clark County does not require a permit, review or inspections for buildings used exclusively for agriculture (farming) use. **A large parcel or property maintenance activity does not define farm or farming.**

Agricultural Buildings Code reference and clarification

Clark County Code 14.06.101.2 amendments to IRC Section R101.0; and Clark County Code 14.05.101.2 amendment to IBC Section 101.2, exempts agricultural buildings from acquiring a building permit as long as they meet the definition of an agricultural building as defined by IBC Section 202. **Plumbing and mechanical permits are still required.** All building codes and zoning setback requirements must be met. Please inquire at the Permit Center in the Public Service Center at 1300 Franklin Street in Vancouver.

IBC Section 202 defines agricultural buildings as the following:

Agricultural, Building. A structure designed and constructed to house farm implements, hay, grain, poultry, livestock or other horticultural products. This structure shall not be a place of human habitation or place of employment where agricultural products are processed, treated or packaged, nor shall it be a place used by the public.

A place of employment means a workplace, regardless of whether there are outside employees.

The Chief Building Official is the authority for building code interpretation. Any case that requires interpretation will be referred to the Chief Building Official.

I have read and understand all of the information on both sides of this sheet. I have read the above definition on an Agricultural Building as stated in the 2006 International Building Code, Section 202. I hereby testify that the use of the structure described below is to be used solely for agricultural use.

Address: _____ Zoning Designation: _____

Parcel #: _____

Signed and Attested: _____ Date: _____

Property Owners Name: _____

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Agricultural uses shall include, but are not limited to the following:

1. Livestock shelters or building, including shade structures and milking barns.
2. Poultry buildings or shelters.
3. Barns used for agricultural purposes as defined above.
4. Storage of equipment and machinery used exclusively in agriculture.
5. Horticultural structures, including detached production greenhouses and crop protection shelters.
6. Sheds used for agricultural purposes.
7. Grain silos.
8. Stables used for farm animals. Horse stables and horse arenas, when used to shelter horses or exercise horses for private family use only.
9. Regular maintenance of agricultural commodities such as watering plants, cleaning out manure, feeding animals and basic building maintenance by employees is considered to be agricultural use.

Common occupancies/uses that are specifically **not** agricultural use include the following examples:

1. Veterinary offices and kennels for pets and aviaries.
2. Structures used to store private vehicles or other items not required in agricultural activity.
3. Stables used to board horses for the public or horse arenas open to the public.
4. Barn-like structures used for purposes unrelated to farming.